

abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following claims:

6. (Once amended) A bacterial strain B that produces an amino acid, wherein said strain was produced by a process comprising:

- (a) subjecting a parental bacterial strain to mutagenesis;
- (b) culturing the mutagenized parental strain with a bacterial culture medium containing at least about 1% raffinose based on ammonia sulfate content;
- (c) selecting a raffinose-resistant bacterial strain B from the bacterial culture medium containing said mutagenized parental strain of part b that has an impaired raffinose-resistance when compared to that of strain B.

7. (Once amended) The bacterial strain of Claim 6, wherein the parental bacterial strain A is selected from the group consisting of the following:

- (a) *Corynebacterium sp.*;
- (b) *Brevibacterium sp.*;
- (c) *Escherichia coli*; and
- (d) *Bacillus sp.*

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9. (Once amended) An isolated *Corynebacterium* strain, wherein said strain produces at least about 10g/l L-lysine in 24 hours when grown in a bacterial culture medium containing at least about 1% raffinose.

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11. (Once amended) An isolated L-lysine producing *Corynebacterium* strain, wherein said strain is selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) NRRL B-30059;
- (b) NRRL B-30060;
- (c) NRRL B-30061;
- (d) NRRL B30062;
- (e) NRRL B-30063; and
- (f) mutants of (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e), wherein said mutant has

increased production of a desired amino acid as compared to the production of the same amino acid in the strain before being mutagenized.

In the Specification:

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Please insert the following statement at page 1 after the title of the invention and prior to the first line of text:

Cross-reference to Related Application:

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/146,350, filed August 2, 1999 (now abandoned). A